

# Notice of Allowability

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## -- The MAILING DATE of this communication appears on the cover sheet with the correspondence address--

All claims being allowable, PROSECUTION ON THE MERITS IS (OR REMAINS) CLOSED in this application. If not included herewith (or previously mailed), a Notice of Allowance (PTOL-85) or other appropriate communication will be mailed in due course. **THIS NOTICE OF ALLOWABILITY IS NOT A GRANT OF PATENT RIGHTS.** This application is subject to withdrawal from issue at the initiative of the Office or upon petition by the applicant. See 37 CFR 1.313 and MPEP 1308.

1. ☒ This communication is responsive to the reply filed 10/11/07 and the RCE filed 12/4/07.
2. ☒ The allowed claim(s) is/are 12, 14, 18-21, 16, 22-27, 17 and 28-33 which will appear as claims 1-20 respectively when the patent issues.
3. ☒ Acknowledgment is made of a claim for foreign priority under 35 U.S.C. § 119(a)-(d) or (f).
  - a) ☒ All b) ☐ Some\* c) ☐ None of the:
    1. ☐ Certified copies of the priority documents have been received.
    2. ☐ Certified copies of the priority documents have been received in Application No. \_\_\_\_\_.
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4. ☐ A SUBSTITUTE OATH OR DECLARATION must be submitted. Note the attached EXAMINER'S AMENDMENT or NOTICE OF INFORMAL PATENT APPLICATION (PTO-152) which gives reason(s) why the oath or declaration is deficient.
  5. ☐ CORRECTED DRAWINGS (as "replacement sheets") must be submitted.
    - (a) ☐ including changes required by the Notice of Draftsperson's Patent Drawing Review (PTO-948) attached
      - 1) ☐ hereto or 2) ☐ to Paper No./Mail Date \_\_\_\_\_.
    - (b) ☐ including changes required by the attached Examiner's Amendment / Comment or in the Office action of Paper No./Mail Date \_\_\_\_\_.
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6. ☐ DEPOSIT OF and/or INFORMATION about the deposit of BIOLOGICAL MATERIAL must be submitted. Note the attached Examiner's comment regarding REQUIREMENT FOR THE DEPOSIT OF BIOLOGICAL MATERIAL.

## Attachment(s)

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|  | 9. <input type="checkbox"/> Other _____.  |

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### **EXAMINER'S AMENDMENT**

An examiner's amendment to the record appears below. Should the changes and/or additions be unacceptable to applicant, an amendment may be filed as provided by 37 CFR 1.312. To ensure consideration of such an amendment, it MUST be submitted no later than the payment of the issue fee.

Authorization for this examiner's amendment was given in a telephone interview with Robert Goozner on 2/13/07.

The application has been amended as follows:

In claim 12, lines 13-15, the phrase "outside surfaces...forming a seal," has been deleted.

In claim 12, line 16, --end-- has been inserted between "inner" and "surface".

In claim 12, line 20, --(22)-- has been inserted after "chamfer".

In claim 12, line 21, "(20, 22)" has been deleted.

In claim 12, line 24, --which-- has been inserted between "(21)" and "is".

In claim 16, lines 11-13, the phrase "outside surfaces...forming a seal," has been deleted.

In claim 16, line 14, --end-- has been inserted between "inner" and "surface".

In claim 16, line 18, --(22)-- has been inserted after "chamfer".

In claim 16, line 19, "(20, 22)" has been deleted.

In claim 16, line 22, --which-- has been inserted between "(21)" and "is".

In claim 16, line 27, "especially" has been deleted.

In claim 17, lines 11-13, the phrase "outside surfaces...forming a seal," has been deleted.

In claim 17, line 14, --end-- has been inserted between "inner" and "surface".

In claim 17, line 18, --(22)-- has been inserted after "chamfer".

In claim 17, line 19, "(20, 22)" has been deleted.

In claim 17, line 22, --which-- has been inserted between "(21)" and "is".

In claim 21, line 4, --end-- has been inserted between "inner" and "surface".

In claim 27, line 3, --end-- has been inserted between "inner" and "surface".

In claim 33, lines 2-4, the phrase "the annular seal...the annular rib (4)" has been replaced with the phrase --the annular seal (21) is disposed in the space bounded by said chamfers (20) and said cylindrical inner end surface (10)--.

Any inquiry concerning this communication or earlier communications from the examiner should be directed to JAMES M. HEWITT whose telephone number is (571)272-7084.

If attempts to reach the examiner by telephone are unsuccessful, the examiner's supervisor, Daniel Stodola can be reached on 571-272-7087. The fax phone number for the organization where this application or proceeding is assigned is 571-273-8300.

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